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Respectfully submitted,

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Dear Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated December 19, 2002 for which a three-month period for response was given making this response due on or before March 19, 2002. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

In view of the remarks put forth below, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. AMENDMENTS

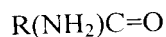
IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 13 and 14.

Please amend claims 6-8 and 15-17 and add new claims 18 and 19, as shown below.

6. (**Amended**) A method that allows a probe and target to hybridize at a temperature lower than their standard hybridization temperature, comprising:

(a) heating the probe and target in the presence of a chemical component of the formula:



where R is an amino or a methyl group; and

(b) allowing the probe and target to hybridize,

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